

S.H.A.P.E.

for

MINISTRY

The Bible uses the term “heart” to represent the center of your motivations, desires, and inclinations. *“As a face is reflected in water, so the heart reflects the person.”* (Prov. 27:19 NLT)

How can you listen to your heart?

1. Know what drives you in a good sense.
2. Know who/ what you care about.
3. Know the needs you will meet.
4. Know your ultimate dream for God's kingdom.

APPLYING YOUR ABILITIES

ABILITIES QUIZ

1. People aren't born with abilities. All abilities must be learned by experience.
2. Those skills/abilities which must be learned are learned primarily in the classroom.
3. If you have abilities, you will be very aware that you have them.
4. Skills I use at work are only usable in that environment. I couldn't use them in ministry.
5. Most people have many abilities.

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

1. Every ability is God given. *“God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well.” (Rom 12:6 LB)*
2. Every ability can be used to glorify God. *“...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” (1 Cor. 10:31)*
3. If I don't use my abilities, I may lose them. *“Take the talent from him (who didn't use it) and give it to the one who has ten talents.” (Matt. 25:28)*

GROUP TIME

1. What are your top couple of abilities from your abilities assessment tool? In what kind of settings have you used those skills in the past?
2. What are some ways you could use those abilities to serve God (in the church, in a small group, to help individuals)? Brainstorm as a group.
3. What overlap do you see between your spiritual gifts, passion, and abilities?

TAKE AWAY

1. Record your Abilities on your summary profile.
2. What is one step you can take this week to “apply your abilities”?